#### The National Bank Shut by Order of Comproller-Trust Co. Closed Within an Hour Because of a Run Made on It, but Its Officials Say It Is Not Involved.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 13 .- The First National Bank and the Monmouth Trust Company, two of the financial institutions of this place that have been growing by leaps and bounds since the city was started by Founder Bradley, closed their doors today and brought the city to the verge of a financial panic. Conservative citizens are of the opinion to-night that this panie has probably been averted, as the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, the remaining financial institution, is sound and nothing has shaken the confidence of the community

The closing of the doors of the First National was ordered from Washington y the Comptroller of the Currency after report submitted by the bank on demand on Feb. 6 that showed it was no longer in a condition that warranted it to continue oing business.

The order of the Comptroller was conveved here by Bank Examiner J. W. Scho field, who arrived here this forenoon. At neon, almost immediately following his arrival at the bank, the notice was posted on the doors declaring the institution closed and in the hands of the Comptroller of the Currency.

This notice, while it had been expected by a few, nevertheless seemed to be a thunderclap to a large part of the community. This consternation was shown when a run began almost immediately upon the trust company, whose offices are in the same building.

The officers of the institution, seeing this, decided after a consultation to close their own doors and an hour after the notice was posted closing the First National a ctice was posted on the doors of the trust ompany, saying that the company would close temporarily for its own protection. If there are signs of a run, the com pany will demand the usual sixty days' notice.

The First National was started in 1886 and is the oldest financial institution here. The trust company was formed in 1888 and the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank was started the following year. Some of the officers of the bank are officers of the trust company. George F. Kroehl, the president of the bank, is a director of the trust company and A. C. Twining, president of the trust company, is a director of the bank. Each is capitalized at \$100,000. At the time of the failure the bank had about 800 depositors, one of them being the city, which has about \$5,000 of its funds

November last the Comptroller called

In November last the Comptroller called for a statement from the bankwhica showed that its capital had been considerably impaired and that aside from loans and discounts of \$312,311 its heaviest asset on its books was \$68,000 real estate.

The Comptroller, soon after receiving this statement, made a demand on the bank that it repair its capital by assessing its stocknolders \$30 a share, which would strengthen it by \$30,000. He also demanded, it is said, that the bank immediately dispose of its real estate.

Since then the institution has failed to show the banking authorities that it has done either.

has done either.
It is said that over \$300,000 may be involved in the failure, but the bank officers say that their assets will be found to equal their habilities and that they will eventually be able to pay depositors in full.

## CASHIER BLAMES A DIRECTOR

The feeling is quite strong against one of the bank directors who is said to have practically controlled the bank and according to the cashier, M. H. Scott, has cording to the cashier, M. H. Scott, has shown bad management. Mr. Scott has been cashier of the bank three years, succeeding Mr. Twining. He

make up our losses. The bank directors had a meeting last Friday, but did nothing to avert the failure, whereas any one could have seen this would follow a statement of the bank's condition. This whole thing is the result of the domination of one man, but the president but a director who rect the president but a director who renot the president, but a director who re-fused to take suggestions from any one and ran the bank himself."

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One of the leading spirits in the bank
has been Mr. Twining. He helped reorganize the trust company of which George
B. M. Harvey is one of the directors. Mr.
Twining, besides, is a heavy real estate
speculator. He is the head of the Monmouth Reality Company treasurer of the outh Realty Company, treasurer of the Deal Realty Company and recently he promoted the Fraser Mountain Copper Company of New Mexico with a capital of

91,000,000.

President Kroehl is the senior member of the firm of G. F. Kroehl & Co., manufacturers of bristles, with an office at 220 Pearl street, New York. He is President of the Monmouth Club, has been in many big realty deals and has been head of the bank for 14 years. He said to-night:

"It is all the result of loans made-about ten years ago on real estate when a boom

The sall the result of loans made-about ten years ago on real estate when a boom was on here. The bank foreclosed and then the property depreciated in value."

A crowd surrounded the bank building which the trust company owns, all the afternoon. Many women in moderate circumstances had money in the bank and went away crying.

At the National Bank of Commerce, the local correspondent of the Asbury Park Bank, it was said yesterday that the New Jersey bank had a small balance to its credit there.

#### KILLED BY ANSONIA ELEVATOR. Glazier Caught by a Rising Car

Crushed Against the Celling. Edward Sexton of 57 Morton street, glazier employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company of 310 Hudson street, was the Ansonia apartment house, at Seventy

third street and Broadway, yesterday aftercar down to the basement to let the passengers out. Just as he did so Sexton hurried to get aboard the car, which suddenly started upward. Webb shouted to Sexton and warned him not to board the car. Sexton stumbled and fell and his body was lifted to the basement ceiling car Sexton stumbled and fell and his body was lifted to the basement ceiling and crushed between the side of the shaft and the elevator floor.

It was some time before Sexton could be released, and he died a few minutes later. Webb was arrested.

# DISGUISED, THEY HUNT FINK

Hogan's Men Are Looking for the Man They Think Killed Freese. evenue station sent out nearly half his solicemen yesterday.to get some track of leorge Fink, the machinist who is accused of murdering Henry Freese, a young blackmith of 1004 East 136th street, or Thursday

Fink was last seen in the woods along the outhern Boulevard, running away from 44th street, where young Preese was ound unconscious. Policemen tramped all through the woods Thursday night and yesterday and found no tribe of Fink. Then Capt. Hogan sent out Policeman ramer disguised as priest and two other policemen disguised as tramps to continue the search. Two others in tramps garb were put in front of Fint's house and two more in front of Freese's house. One got a job as undertaker's assistant at the establishment where Freese's hody was

LEARNED HIS LESSON QUICKLY Nathan, Who Bought Bogus Saloon for

Isidore Nathan of 263 Sumner avenue Brooklyn, was arrested in Newark, N. J. yesterday on a warrant issued on com plaint of August Braus of 716 Gates avenue, who charges Nathan with swindling him out of \$300. Nathan will be taken to Brooklyn to-day.

On Dec. 23 Nathan, who had a saloon at Throop and Lexington avenues, Brooklyn advertised for a partner. According to Braus, Nathan said he was doing a good business, but wanted more time to himself as confinement in the store was injuring his health. Braus put up \$300 and a few days later discovered, so he alleges, that there was no business and very little stock. He huntedfor Nathan and learned that he had skipped. He was located in Newark a few days ago. days ago.

few days ago.

Nathan is one of the men who fell a victim to the "Yank" Shea gang of swindlers.

David Morrison sold Nathan the saloon at Throop and Lexington avenues for \$750.

After Nathan took possession he found that the bottles were filled with colored water and that there was not \$25 worth of stock in the place. Nathan testified against in the place. Nathan testified against Morrison, who was tried for swindling

another saloonkeeper.

Morrison was convicted last December and sentenced for not less than one year nor more than five years in Sing Sing. He was defended by Gen. Tracy.

#### CHARGED WITH BIGAMY. Michael Stahl of Williamsburg Held for Hearing-Fate of His Wives.

Magistrate Higginbotham in the Ewen street police court, Williamsburg, yesterday, held Michael Stahl, a manufacturing tailor, 45 years old, of 202 Stagg street, in \$500 bail pending a hearing on the charge of bigamy. Stahl's accuser was Mrs. Christina Stahl, who lives at 468 Bushwick avenue. She averred in an affidavit that she was married to the tailor by the Rev H. Bernhardt, the pastor of the People's hurch in Throop avenue, Williamsburg, in 1896. Stahl, she said, told her that was divorced.

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Mrs. Stahl learned that she was the
tailor's fourth wife. His first wife, she
said, committed suicide; the second obtained a divorce and the third disappeared.

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Mrs. Stahi alleges that a few years ago her husband deserted her, and she recently learned that on Jan. 25, 1902, he was married to Kate Mahlhauser by the Rev. J. G. Hehr, the pastor of a German Presbyterian Church.

She complained to Magistrate Higgingth of the pastor of the pasto botham, who issued a warrant against the tailor on the charge of bigamy.

#### WOMAN CALLER TRIES SUICIDE. Fired two Shots, Police Say, but Both

Glanced Off. A woman who said she was Annie Hanson, a widow, of 224 East Fifty-seventh street, was locked up in the East Eighty-eighth street station last night on a charge of disorderly conduct, although two detectives who made an investigation say she tried to kill herself.

The woman went to the home of . Barney Nevins, a fireman at 240 East Eighty-third street last night and asked to see Nevins. He wasn't home, but Mrs. Nevins was According to Detectives Dooley and Collins of the Fast Eighty-eighth street station the woman took a revolver from her pocket and put it against her breast. She fired one shot, the detectives say, which struck a button on her cloak and glanced off. A second shot struck a corset steel and went wild.

At the East Eighty-eighth street station, where the woman was taken, she said she had called to see Mrs. Nevins, who was he

"That's not so," said Mrs. Nevins. "She is not my friend. She has caused trouble in my home. I only met her once and that was at a ball."

#### POISON AFTER TALK WITH WIFE, Mrs. Selde Refused to Return to Her

Husband, a Hotel Plane Player. "entertainer" at the Avon, a large apart-ment notel at Madison avenue and 126th street, attempted suicide last night be-cause his wife refused to return to him or

cause his wife refused to return to him or to let him see his young son.

His wife and ne met three years ago and got married. She had recently become a widow Six months ago she left him, taking her three children by her first husband and her baby son by her second. She went to live at 212 East 123d street, under the name of Mrs. Mary Rogers, and although she and her nusband exchanged letters through a friend he did not learn until last night where she was.

Then he went to the house and asked her to forgive him. She refused and he asked to be allowed to see his boy. She refused "Well, I might as well end the whole business," he said, and then took carbolic

acid.

He was taken to the Bellevue Hospital in a critical condition.

# UNION MAN RIGHTLY HELD.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has affirmed the arrest and commitment to the Tombs on a charge of grand larceny of Lawrence Murphy, treasurer of the Stone cutters' Union. Murphy was accused of failing to account for \$10,000 of the union's funds, and contended that as a member, as well as treasurer of the association, which is not incorporated, he was a copartner, and could not be charged with larceny of funds in which he had an interest.

Justices Ingraham, Van Brunt and Laugh-lin hold that there was sufficient justifica-tion for his detention, in the lack of any explanation on his part as to what he had done with the funds. Justice Patterson and Hatch dissent.

## MAIL POUCH STOLEN.

#### Disappeared Near Indianapolis-Letters Containing \$20,000 Lost.

Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—Government detectives are at work on the disappearance of a mail sack filled with mail from Louisville to Indianapolis. The pouch contained checks and letters of value aggregating \$20,000 or upward. The pouch was put on the Pennsylvania train at Louisville, on the evening of Jan. 31. It is known that it got as far as Franklin, Ind., twenty-one miles south of Indianapolis. Then it disappeared. One check for \$17,000 is known to have been in the pouch. Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—Government de-

## Gov. Odell in Albany.

ALBANY, Feb. 13.-Gov. Odell reached Albany to-night from Washington, via Newburgh. He was accompanied by Mrs. Odell and his secretary, Mr. Graham. The Governor had nothing to add to what has been published regarding his visit in Washington.

ATLANTIC CIOTY, N. J., Feb. 13.-President Baer of the Reading Railroad came here to-day. He is at the Brighton with Mrs.

# Baer for an indeflite stay.

Isaac B. Crane, familiarly known as "lke" Crane, an old-time Republican politician in Crane, an old-time Republican politician in Brooklyn, died suddenly of heart failure at the Brooklyn Hospital last evening. In the afternoon he was prostrated at his desk in the office of the Commissioner of Records, where he was employed as a clerk. He was about 70 years old and until a lew years ago was prominent in Republican politics. He was for many years the leader in the Twenty-fifth ward and a delegate to the County Committee. He was once the secretary of that body and also secretary of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen. He lived as 49 Shepherd avenue.

# THE OLD RELIABLE



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

### MURDERED ON HER WAY HOME

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED ON THE EDGE OF PHILADELPHIA.

Followed From a Street Car by a Man Whom She Had Refused to Notice Had a Bludgeon in His Hand and Has Disappeared - His Name Is Known

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13 -- Regina Currie young seamstress, was beaten to death last night on Willow avenue, west of Old York road, at the outer edge of William L. Elkins's extensive farm at Elkins. She was found at 11 o'clock by four negroes. who carried her to the Jewish Hospital. where she died at midnight without having recovered sufficiently to furnish a description of her murderer.

When found the young woman was lying n a pool of blood, and to-day blood was found dried in the roadbed within a radius of five yards. There were three wounds in the head. The police of Germantown district and the authorities of Montgomery county, where the murder was committed, are searching for a man whose name and description are known to them. He has disappeared, but the authorities, spurred on by a reward offered by citizens, are scouring the city and adjacent country for him.

of his crime, the murderer carried away with him a small handbag containing Miss Curry's pocketbook. There was only a small sum in the purse and as the girl wore no jewelry the theft, the Police Department declare, was but a blind to screen the murderer's real purpose. The suspect, who once lived in Lamott, the little village in Montgomery county where Miss Curry ived, was seen following the girl last night. It has been learned that he attempted a flirtation with her whom he had known from childhood by sight, but that the gir who was aware of his reputation refused to notice him. This angered him, it is said and he has been heard to make threats of

"getting even" with her.
All the facts the police have to work on are the following: Last night a dance took place at Ogonta, which Miss Curry's friends had tried to persuade her to at-tend. She had at first consented, but yesterday morning announced that street, and accompanied her mother, who intended visiting an aunt of Regina's. This aunt was Mrs. Catharine O'Brien, This aunt was Mrs. Catharine O'Brien, who has just opened a small grocery store at 1941 Wood street. Miss Curry and her mother spent the day there, and at 9:45 o'clock the young woman left for home. Mrs. Curry decided that she would spend the night with her sister.

Miss Curry boarded a Thirteenth street car at Wood street. The motorman was Thomas Cannon and the conductor was Charles Humpston. When the car reached Broad street and Erie avenue a man boarded

Charles Humpston. When the car reached Broad street and Erie avenue a man boarded it. He was about 30 years old, of medium height and well built. He had light hair and a smooth face. This description, with other particulars, fits that of the suspect. The man carried a broken billiard cue, and his sections when he took his seat attracted. The man carried a broken billiard cue, and his actions when he took his seat attracted the conductor's attention. The man took one glance around the car and then pulled his hat over his eyes and sat looking at the floor. At City Line, the first road below Willow avenue, the man made a movement to leave the car and then sat down again. When Willow avenue was reached Miss Curry left the car and the man followed her.

her.
The girl turned and looked over her shoulder. When she saw the man behind her she started to run. As the car disappeared around the bend in the read Cannon peared around the bend in the read Cannon and Thompson both say that the man turned in Willow avenue after Miss Curry. The girl ran two hundred yards before her assailant caught her and then, from the position of the wounds on her head, he evidently struck her from behind with his billiard cue, inflicting a cut on the back of the head. Then another blow was struck, cutting her scalp open over the left ear and another wound was made on the top of the head.

Dr. Leopoid of the Jewish Hospital, who was on the ambulance that took the girl to thehospital, said thewounds might have been made either by some sharp instrument or made either by some sharp instrument or by a heavy club with a smooth surface. The physicians say they are unable to tate positively whether an assault had been committed, but from the condition of Miss Curriy's clothing, it is evident that such was the motive for the crime, al-though it is probable that the assailant was frightened off by hearing the approach
of the colored men.
According to her mother, Miss Curry
had a few cents in her pocketbook which
could not be found, and she carried no
valuables.

## COCHECO MILLS SHUT DOWN. Strike of 250 Operatives Throws 2,500 Out

DOVER, N. H., Feb. 13 .- Charles H. Fish. gent and manager of the Cocheco Manufacturing Company, issued orders to-day to shut down all the print mills to-mor-row night. The closing of this branch of the industry is due to the strike of the 250 ring spinners and carders of the corporation, and will throw out of work about 1,000 additional operatives, bringing the whole number which will be idle providing the strike is not adjusted, to 2,500.

The operatives were addressed to-day by an employment agent of a Massachusetts cotton manufacturing concern. He in-formed his hearers that the operatives in Massachusetts receive higher wages than Massachusetts receive higher wages than those in this State, and that they only work fifty-six hours weekly, while in New Hampshire they are in the mills sixty-two. He said he desired to engage ring spinners, carders and spoolers, and twenty or more signed a contract to leave for Massachusetts on Monday.

The payroll of the corporation amounts to about \$60,000 monthly. The company operates 130,000 spindles and 2,800 loogs. The president of the company is T. Jefferson Coolidge of Boston.

Good for the Nerves Tonte Vermituge .- Ade.

# THE MATSUKI ART SALE.

Auctioneer Quaintly Interrupted by the

Note of a Bell-The Prices.

At the Matsuki sale of Japanese art pro ductions yesterday bidders paid \$14,197.50 for the second day's catalogue offerings. This with the proceeds of the first day's sale, \$6,275.50, makes the total receipts so far \$20,472.50, with the finest specimens of Mr. Matsuki's selection to come under the ham-

mer to-day For a shrine door, toned in the softest gray-green, elaborately carved with dragons, below which are delicate floral carvings, and having at several prominences bold lions' heads, No. 437 of the catalogue, \$875 was paid. Two carved wood lanterns highly colored, from the Shiba temple, Tokio, sold for \$210. A temple table with a gilded base, supported by four Buddhist ions, and covered with leather having decorations of dragons, clouds and pinleaves, sold at \$160.

A pair of shrine doors in carved wood and gold lacquer, having ornamentations of the lotus plant in flower, with the leaves green and the blossoms pink, brought An old vase of gilded bronze, a little more than two feet tall, sold at \$185; a pair of brass candlesticks at \$100; a palace ramma, carved with a wistaria vine climbing about a pine tree, at \$102.50; a pair of Chinese warriors in carved oak at \$105 an old temple cabinet with gold lattice panels in the doors, at \$250; the "Spirit of Thunder," in the form of a most sturdy oaken figure, holding up his drum so that t formed a table, at \$100; and a four-section emple screen door covered with gold acquer, at \$350.

The session was a long one owing to the The session was a long one owing to the number of objects sold, and when a gentle weariness had fallen upon a part of the audience—and perhaps upon the auctioneer although he did not show it—an old bronze temple gong was put up. One of the silent messengers who swiftly slide the objects into view, and as swiftly push them hence, struck the gong with its beating stick, and a deep tone, as of a great cathedral bell afar off, was wafted through the auction room as gently as a garden's fragrance upon a a deep tone, as or a great cathedral beil afar off, was wafted through the auction room as gently as a garden's fragrance upon a zephyr. Mr. Kirby ceased the rapid re-iteration of the bids, and the gallery, except for the low music of the gong's note, was silent as a church. No one stirred. Not until the sound had died away did the crying of bids begin again, and a rare inci-dent in an auction room was ended. The gong sold for \$100.

\$590; a pair of Zashiki ramma in oak, carved with a carp, waves and turtles, for \$205; a pair of fourteenth century pagoda bells, which clang with the motion given them by the wind as they hang at pagodas' eaves for \$75; a temple ramma, carved with a representation of a plum tree in blossom,

#### C. P. R. BUYS STEAMSHIPS. Big Purchase From the Elder Dempster

LONDON, Feb. 13. The Globe says it understands that an announcement will be made within a few days that the Canadian steamships owned by the Elder Dempster Company have been acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The price paid, the Globe says, cannot be less than £2,000,000, but the details of the transaction have not

## Light Sails for Shamrock III.

that the sailr of the Shamrock III, will be so fine that they will weigh only four ounces

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 13 .- It is announced that the attempt to establish the Calumet Club here has fallen through, the difficulties

Mrs. Louisa Calder, a patient in a private hospital at Central Park West and 106th street, and her nurse, Miss Jessie Smith, were burned yesterday by the blazing-up of some alcohol which was spilled on a lamp near the patient's bed. Mrs. Calder suffered so severe a shock that an operation on her was postponed.

There were no storms over the country yester-day, save for a depression moving in from the outhern California coast, preceded by some rain in Texas and snow in Oklahoma and Colorado, and a belt of cloudiness extending northeast to northern New York. Elsewhere the weather

The pressure was high on the South Atlantic coast, keeping the temperature high in the Middle Atlantic and New England States, while a accord high pressure in the Northwest was throwing off colder weather into the Lake regions and over the country west of the Mississippi. In Montans, the Dakotas and Minnesota it was from 4 to 12 degrees below zero. The line of freezing temperatures reached south to central Texas.

In this city the day was fair, with but allebt. In this city the day was fair, with but slight

official thermometer is shown in the annexed table:

### WASHINGTON PORECAST POR TO DAT AND TO MORROW. For eastern New York and New Jersey, partle cloudy and colder to day: rain or snow to morrow

eartly cloudy and colder to day; Probably rain and colder to morrow; fresh north winds.

## MURDER FOLLOWS A WEDDING.

STUDENT KILLED AND A UNIVER-SITY WARDEN HELD.

Warden's Daughter Had Eloped-Her Father Went Out With a Revolver and Called the Student From His Room -Had Nothing to Do With Elepement.

JACKSON, Tenn., Feb. 13.-This city is excited over a mysterious murder night, which followed a marriage yesterday. Robert E. McCaw, a student in the law department of the Southwestern Baptist University, was killed, and Samuel Hudgins. warden of the university, is in jail charged with the crime. Miss Lucy Hudgins, the daughter of the man in jail, was the bride in the marriage and the authorities think they can trace a connection between the

Yesterday afternoon Miss Hudgins eloped with Albert Hilderbach, who came here from Cairo, Ill. The Hudgins family were much opposed to the match, and their feelings were not soothed by the charges of bigamy that were preferred against the bridegroom a few minutes after the marriage ceremony was over. Hilderbach is in the town lockup awaiting a hearing on the charges.

The young woman's father was much erraged. According to one report, he armed himself with a revolver and set out to look for Hilderbach. As the young man was safe in jail, no more was thought of the father's search until about midnight, when young Robert McCaw was called from his boarding house by some one and shot. A policeman was within a short distance and heard the shots. McCaw was dead when the policeman reached him.

The policeman made a search in the hope of discovering the assailant, and not far away fourd Samuel Hudgins. The man was placed under arrest.

One report has it that Warden Hudgins withheld money that the young man's father had sent him and that this caused ill feeling between them. McCoy, unable to secure the money, went to work in the yards of the Illinois Central Railroad, but continued his studies. Last night be worked until about 10 o'clock, when he went home. When called from his room to meet his death he was studying.

Close friends of Warden Hudgins den that any ill will existed between him and the student. They assert that if Hudgins did the shooting it was by mistake.

did the shooting it was by mistake.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb 13.—Robert Earl McCaw was a son of Thompson R. McCaw, engineer at the new Masonic Temple, whose home is in the Hayward Building. His mother is dead, but the father has married again. He was 23 years old and had been at Southwestern Baptist University since September, 1902, when he entered the law chool.

Previous to going to Jackson he studied in the Rochester public schools. He was a clerk in the law office of John Van Voorhis and for the better part of a year had shown a liking for the study of law that made his friends and family encourage him to take a collegiate course.

He was supporting himself in part by

He was supporting himself in part by working in the Illinois Central Railway vards and was receiving assistance from his father and brother. This morning William T. McCaw, a brother, received a letter from the young man evidently written vesterday. vesterday. It contained nothing but private in-formation about his college life and said

nothing of any prospective elopement in which he was to assist. His father and brother knew of no reason, they say, for any one to shoot him. The first intimation they received of the tragedy was through they received of the tragedy was through the press despatches.

Both of them said the young man was steady in his habits. Thompson R. McCaw, the father, will telegraph the Chief of Police at Jackson to send the body to Rochester.

## BRITISH ARMY SCANDAL. Government Regrets Decision to Discuss

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Earl of Hard-wicke, Under-Secretary of the War Office, in a speech at Devonport to-night took dier Guards, which led to the forced retire ment of Col. Kiffloch, the commander of the regiment. He deprecated the discus-sion of questions of discipline by the House of Commons and said the decision of the Commander-in-Chief ought to be final.

The Earl of Hardwicke represents the attitude of the War Office, but it is most im probable that the Government will attempt to burke discussion of the scandal in Parlia ment. The Under-Secretary admitted that it would be debated despite his depre-

cation of such a course.

There is reason to believe that Mr.
Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, and
Commander-in-Chief Earl Roberts have decided that though an inquiry is un-necessary it would be impolitic in view of public feeling to place any obstacle in the way of publicity, and whatever questions are put in the House of Commons will be

### FRIEND OF MONROE DOCTRINE. Prime Minister Balfour Defines England's

Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 13.—In a speech here today, Prime Minister Balfour said that the
Government was compelled to take the acno choice in the matter. It had not shown undue haste, it had not shown greed of money and it had not shown inhumanity, and the United States Government had been

The Monroe Doctrine, Mr. Balfour said, had no enemies in Great Britain. It would be a great gain to civilization if the United States would more actively concern themselves with arrangements to prevent the constantly recurring difficulties between European Powers and South American Governments, by getting the latter to ob-serve the principles of international comity. the alliance with Germany was decided upon when the Kaiser visited King Edward at Sandringham. That story, Mr. Balfour declared, was a pure invention.

#### SAYS WAR SCARE IS FALSE. Cologne "Gazette" Holds European Di

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN.
COLOGNE, Feb. 13.— The Cologne Gazette
to-day, in an article under the head of "The Art of Provoking a War," asserts that the reports of impending warlike preparations owing to the Macedonian troubles are wholly false. The paper maintains that European diplomacy is equally guilty for the present scare. It says Turkey can easily put down any little war that may arise in certain regions. She needs no assistance

The article concludes: "In Macedonia there is much room for improvement, but any one who shrinks from the possible sacrifice of thousands of human lives should enter a strong protest against such provocations to war, as these may develop en-tanglements the end of which no one can

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GERMANY STILL OUR FRIEND. Official Statement in a Berlin Paper on Our Interférence in Venezuela.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, reb. 13. - The Lokal Anzeiger say has official authority for the following: "The participation of America in the Venezuelan negotiations, which have already taken place and which must necessarily continue to take place, is here widely considered an evil though right, and has not done particular harm to Germany Germany would certainly have done better by dealing with Venezuela single-handed but she was not allowed to. There was and is no means of keeping America out of quarrels of European countries with Venezuela, and even though President Roosevelt's advisers desired it, public opinion in America would compel her to

oppose European claims. There has been an attempt to bring about not only a struggle between Germany and Venezuela, but between Germany and America. It has failed. Germany has always been friendly with America Even Prince Bismarck in his commerce union never wore his cuirassier boots Indeed, from a business point of view he was less hard than he should have been Samoa is an example.

\*People forget that but for the blockade President Castro never would have submitted the claims to other than his own courts. Germany would still prefer to have the matter wholly settled at Washington, but is quite content to leave the subsidiary points to The Hague Tribunal.

#### BOER GENERALS REFUSE. Won't Accept Seats in Transvani Council

Under Present Constitution. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PRETORIA, Feb. 13.-The Government

offered Generals Botha and Delarey and ex-State Attorney Smuts seats in the Legislative Council of the Transvaal. All three refused to accept on the ground that, though they are willing to cooperate

adapted to the best interests of the country. LAUGHS AT DEATH SENTENCE. Edwards, London Murderer, Maintains

with the Government, they do not think

that the Constitution of the Council is

His Air of Bravado. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 13.— Edwards, a man who was convicted of murder at Levton, five miles from London, was arraigned in court here to-day for sentence of death. He received the sentence in the most callous er. On being asked the usual ques tion whether he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed

on him, he replied: "No; get on with it as soon as you can." While the Judge was placing on the black cap before sentencing him the murderer remarked: "Why, it's like being on the stage." When the Judge came to the conclusion of the sentence and said "and may the Lord have mercy on your soul. Edwards burst out laughing, saying, "Ha!

The crime of which Edwards was con victed is one of the most remarkable that have occurred in England for years. A arrested for assaulting, in his own house at Leyton, northeast of London, an old man named Garland. The police found a lead window weight in the house, and changed the charge to felonious assault. They then connected Edwards with the disappearance of a family named Darby from Camberwell, in London, south of the

from Camberwell, in London, south of the Thames, and, digging in the yard of the Leyton house, came upon the dismembered bodies of a man, a woman and a baby, which were identified as those of the Darbys. One story says that they were led to the place where the bodies were found by a dog scratching over the spot.

Edwards is about 34 years old; he is described as a grocer's clerk, and seems to have been known to many people in Camberwell. Darby kept a small general store and was known to be in money difficulties. Edwards visited him several times, talking of buying his business, and one afternoon and was known to be in money dimentres. Edwards visited him several times, talking of buying his business, and one afternoon at the end of November, as the police reconstructed the murder, attacked him from behind with a window weight. He then killed the wife as she came up the stairs, and strangled the baby to get it out of the way. He put the bodies away in an upper room and was just in time to meet some one who entered the shop and explain that the Darbys had gone away for a time. The financial difficulties in which they were gave their friends an explanation of their disappearance without a warning.

The murderer gave out that he had bought the business and, when the land-lord disappearance without a warning. With the goods he took the bodies, which he had cut up so as to make them fit into wooden cases.

cases.

He went to Leyton and there buried the bodies in the yard without being noticed. He attracted old Garland to his house on pretence of buying his business, and after talking with him a whole afternoon and treating him to beer, attacked him suddenly at dusk and would have killed him if a passerby had not stepped in.

At the various examinations and at the inquest Edwards refused to say anything. He gave no sign of insanity, and no motive, except robbery, could be discovered for the two crimes, in which the recklessness of the murderer to the risks of immediate discovery is even more surprising than discovery is even more surprising than his coldblooded preparations.



CUBAN LOAN APPROVED. Senate Passes the Measure for Raising 835,000,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. HAVANA, Feb. 13 .- The Senate to-day approved the report of the mixed comnission in favor of floating a loan of \$35,-000,000. The principal sources of revenue to meet the expenses of the loan are taxes on gin made in Cuba, which, it is estimated will yield \$495,000; a tax on imported spirits. to yield \$67,916, a tax on artificial mineral waters, made in Cuba, to yield \$53,841; on imported wines, to yield \$555,242, the major portion of which will be derived from a tax of two cents per litre on red wine in casks; on exported cigars, \$209,000; on cigars consumed in Cuba, \$70,000; on exported cigarettes, \$50,000; on cigarettes consumed in the island, \$40,000; on sugar, \$250,000, and on cards, \$100,000. The loan will be raised by public letting as soon as

Mr. Squiers, the American Minister, s holding daily conferences with President Palma and Secretary Zaldo concerning the coaling station treaty. It is stated to-day that the treaty may go to Congress in five days. The Railroad Commission has reschided

transfer tax of \$160,000 by the Cube Company. The tax is now waived. BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN. Emissaries in Greece Seek to Enlist

ts resolution regarding the payment of a

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUE. ATHENS, Feb. 13.-The Greek Government possesses proof that emissaries of Bulgarian committees are endeavoring to enlist the services of Macedonians living in Greece to induce them to cross into Macedonia from the Greek frontier in large bodies. Great efforts are being made to capture these emissaries, all traces of whom

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CARY.—Suddenly, on Feb. 12. Maud Stone Cary, beloved wife of Albert A. Cary. Funeral at residence, 7 Fuller Terrace, Orange, N. J., Sunday, Feb. 15. on arrival of train leav-ing Christopher street ferry at 1 P. M. Carriages at Orange station. Cincinnati papers

GILBERT. On Thursday, Feb. 12, at his residence, 170 West 97th st., Frank E. Gilbert.
Funeral private. Providence papers please copp. HAMMOND.—Simeon Hammond, suddenly, on Friday, Feb. 13, aged 46 years. Funeral services, Sunday, at 2 P. M. at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Dickie, 203 Hooper st., Brooklyn.

HOFFMANN.-Entered into rest on Feb. 12, in his 70th year, William Hoffmann, former German Consul at Matanzas, Cuba, beloved husband of Minna Hoffmann.

or Minna Hoffmann.
Funeral services at his late residence, 498 3d st.
Brooklyn, Sauurday, Feb. 14, at 1 P. M. London and Havana papers please copy.
MASON.—On Friday evening, Feb. 13, 1908, at hear residence, 674 Lafayette av. Brooklyn, Elizabeth

MAY.—On Saturday, Feb. 7, 1903, at San Antonio,
Tex., after a short illness, the Rev. Father
Francis May. O. M. Cap., in his 47th yearrector of monastery of the Sacred Heart
Church, Shonnard pl., Yonkers, N. Y. Will lie
in state at the monastery, Church of the Sacred Heart, Friday, Feb. 13, from 3 P. M. until 10 A. M. Saturday, when the office for the dead will be chanted and a solemn requiem. mass for the repose of his soul will be said.
Interment in cemetery of the Monastery of the
Sacred Heart of Yenkers, N. Y.

MITH. On Thursday, Feb. 12, after accord filness, Gertrude Parker, daughter of the late Dr. Charles McKnight and Gertrude Parker

THOMAS.—Mrs. James F. Thomas, wife of James F. Thomas, died on Friday, 13th Inst., at her

residence, 522 Halsey street, Brooklyn, after rownsend.—On Friday, Feb. 13, 1903, 44, her residence, 208 Madison avenue, Adalino D., widow of Heary P. Townsend.

Funeral services will be held at her late residence on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, as 4 o'clock. Interment private. TRIMBLE. - Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, at his residence, 19 t-ast 25th st., Merritt Trimble,

in the 72th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at All Sonis' Church,
20th st. and 4th av., Saturday afternoon, Feb.
14, at 2 octock. Interment at Woodlawn at
convenience of the family. It is requested
that no flowers be sent. WALTERS.—On Thursday, Feb. 12, 1903, at-the home of Mrs. Steers, 10 East 38th at., Miss

Henrietta Walters. Broadway, on Saturday morning, the 14th last., at 11 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. Interment at Huntington, L. L.

WODFI.L.—At Augusta, Ga., on Feb. 12, Joseph Wodell of this city, son of the late Sina and Anna Hall Wodell of Poughkeensle, N. Y. Funeral services will be held at the family home, 60 Noxon st., Poughkeepsie, N. V., at 2 o'clock Monday, 16th inst.

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